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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of : Lloyd Harmon Hancock et al.
Serial No : 10/645,996
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For : Equipment and Methods for Manufacturing Cigarettes
Examiner : Carlos N. Lopez
Art Unit : 1731

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.111

Dear Sir:

AMENDMENTS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Official Action mailed April 7, 2006, in the above-identified application. Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.